

John Brown – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

John Brown does not appear in the Eastham birth or marriage records but the records do show that he had a son John born in 1692. John probably was the son of William Brown. One of the Johns died in 1730 according to the records. John Brown did receive several Eastham land grants which were recorded

1695

Granted to John Brown sixteen acres of upland on the southerly side of Fresh Brook commonly known as Church's Brook and on the westerly side of the cartway to Billingsgate. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF A249, M248, P72, S63.

1711

Granted to John Brown, Thomas Cole, Abia Harding, Joshua Harding, Joshua Hopkins and Theophilus Mayo in joint and equal partnership a lot on the southwesterly side of Great Island at Billingsgate. Lot size was not given but most of these lots were about six or seven acres. Bounds were indicated by stakes and marked trees. PDF T87.

Granted to John Brown and his heirs two parcels of land amounting to about four acres. One parcel was about one-half acre on the northerly side of Church's Brook. The other parcel was about three and one-half acres on the northerly side of Church's Brook and on the easterly side of the highway. Bounds were indicated by stakes and marked trees. PDF T122.

Granted to John Brown and his heirs a parcel of land on the southerly side of the cartway near Long Pond and northeast of the lot of Samuel Freeman. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about six acres. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T122.

Granted to John Brown and his heirs about six acres for his wood lot on the westerly side of his other land near Church's Brook. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T222.

1715

Granted to John Brown and his heirs two parcels of land. One parcel was about three and one-half acres adjoining his dwelling house on the northern side. The other parcel was adjoining his meadow at Billingsgate in an area called Governor's Meadow. The dimensions indicate this parcel was about nineteen acres. Bounds of both parcels were indicated by marked trees. PDF T248.

Granted to John Brown and his heirs about twenty acres for his wood lot. The lot was near Blackfish Creek and next to the lot of Joseph Myrick. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T283.

The Eastham land owned by John Brown or granted in his name to his heirs described in these records amounts to about seventy-five acres. By 1745 sixteen more Browns received Eastham land grants.